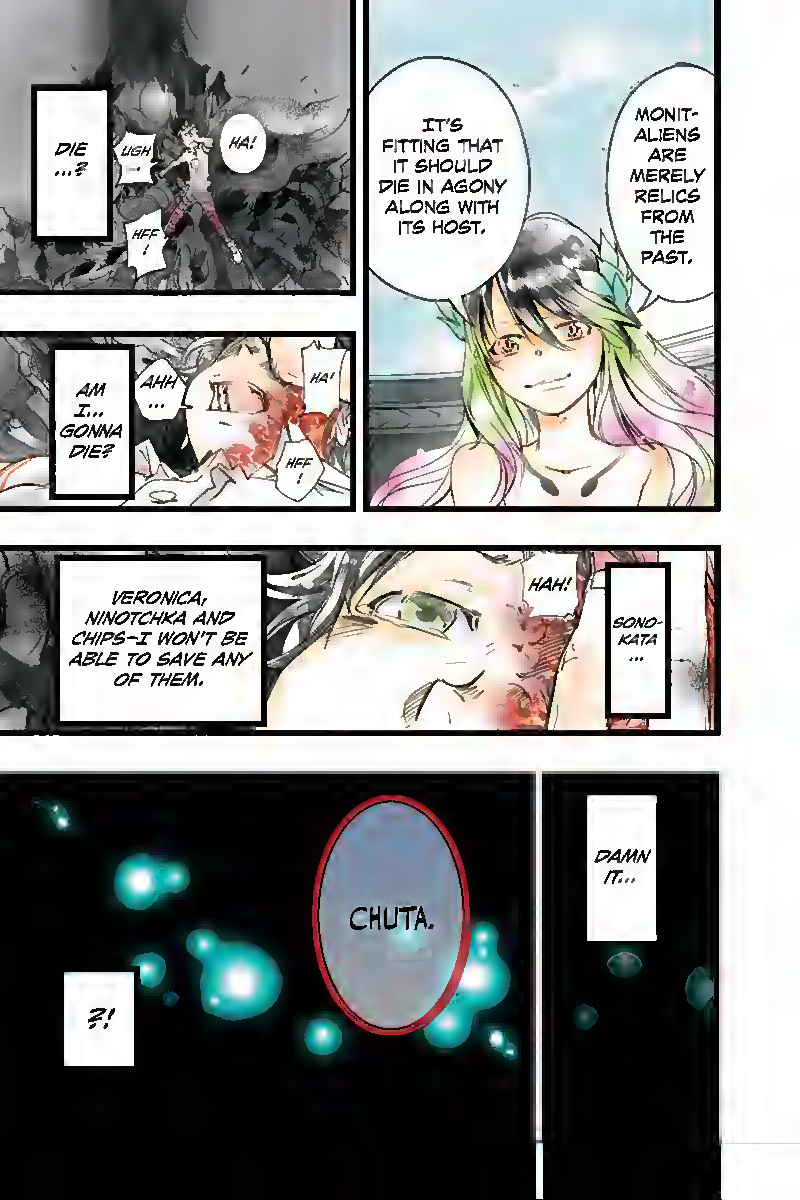
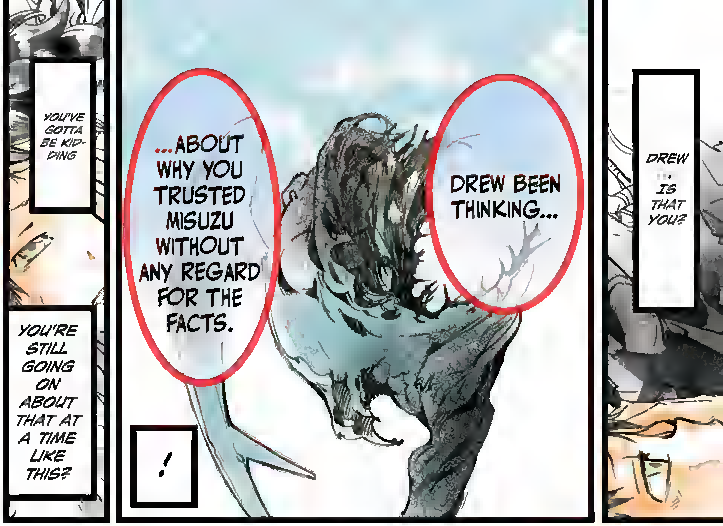
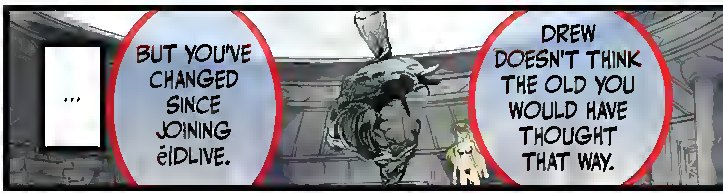
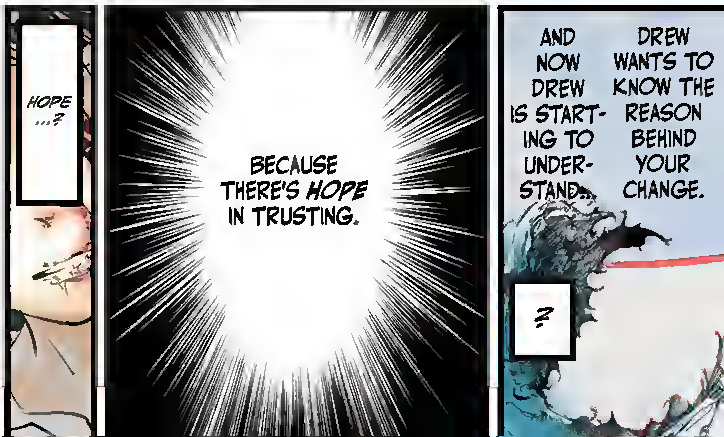
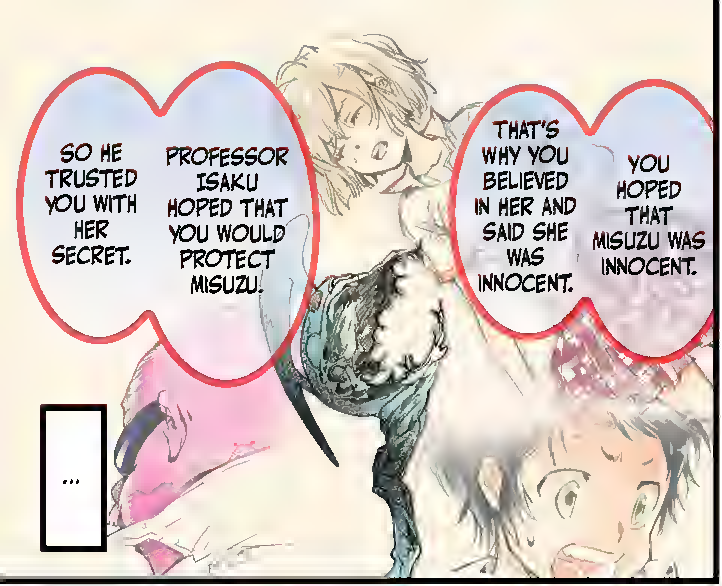
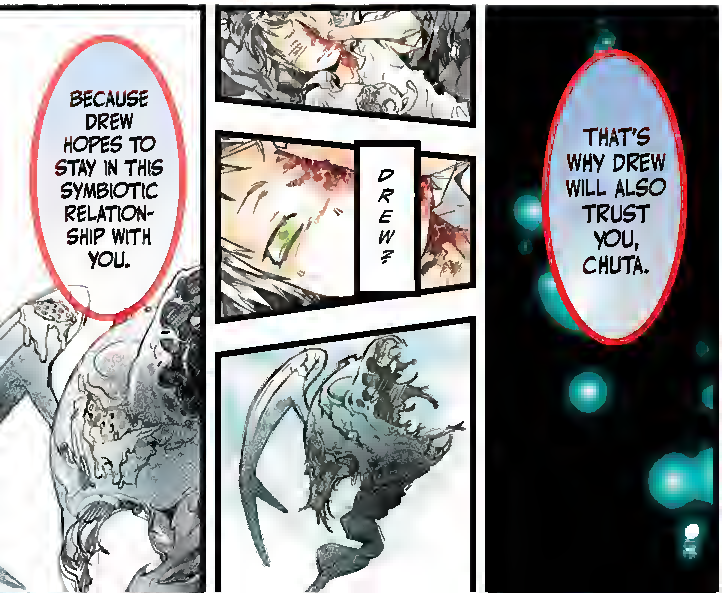

DIE ...?
UGH
HA!
HFF!
MONIT-ALIENS ARE MERELY RELICS FROM THE PAST.
IT'S FITTING THAT IT SHOULD DIE IN AGONY ALONG WITH ITS HOST.
AM I... GONNA DIE?
AHH ...
HA!
HFF!
VERONICA, NINOTCHKA AND CHIPS-I WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE ANY OF THEM.
HAH!
SONO-KATA ...
?!
CHUTA.
DAMN IT...

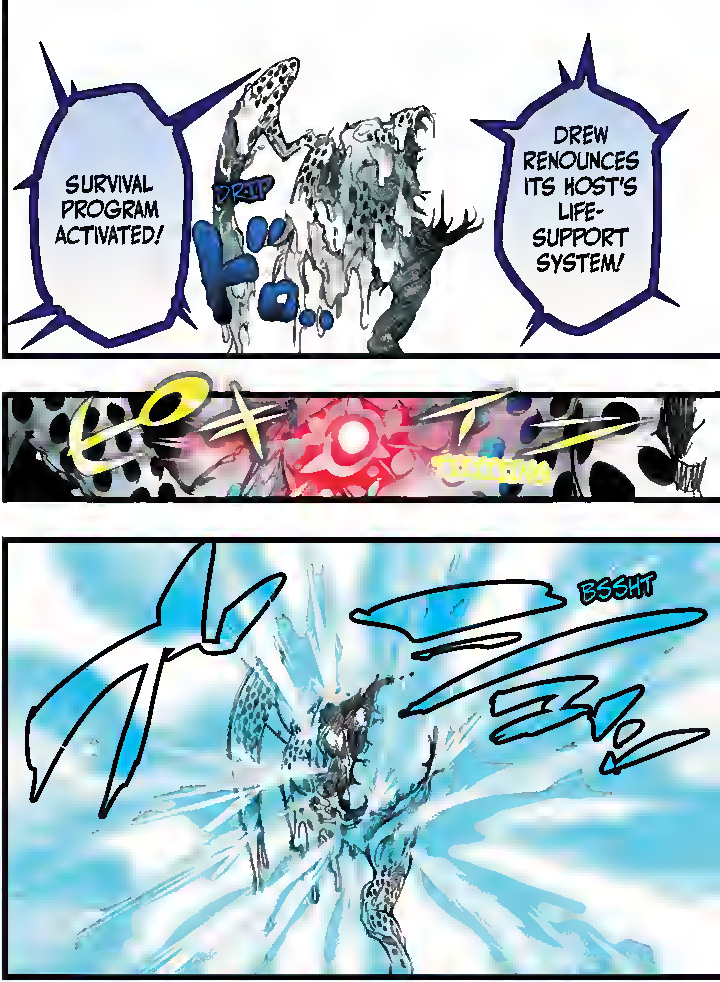

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
...ABOUT WHY YOU TRUSTED MISUZU WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THE FACTS.
!
DREW BEEN THINKING...
DREW ... IS THAT YOU?

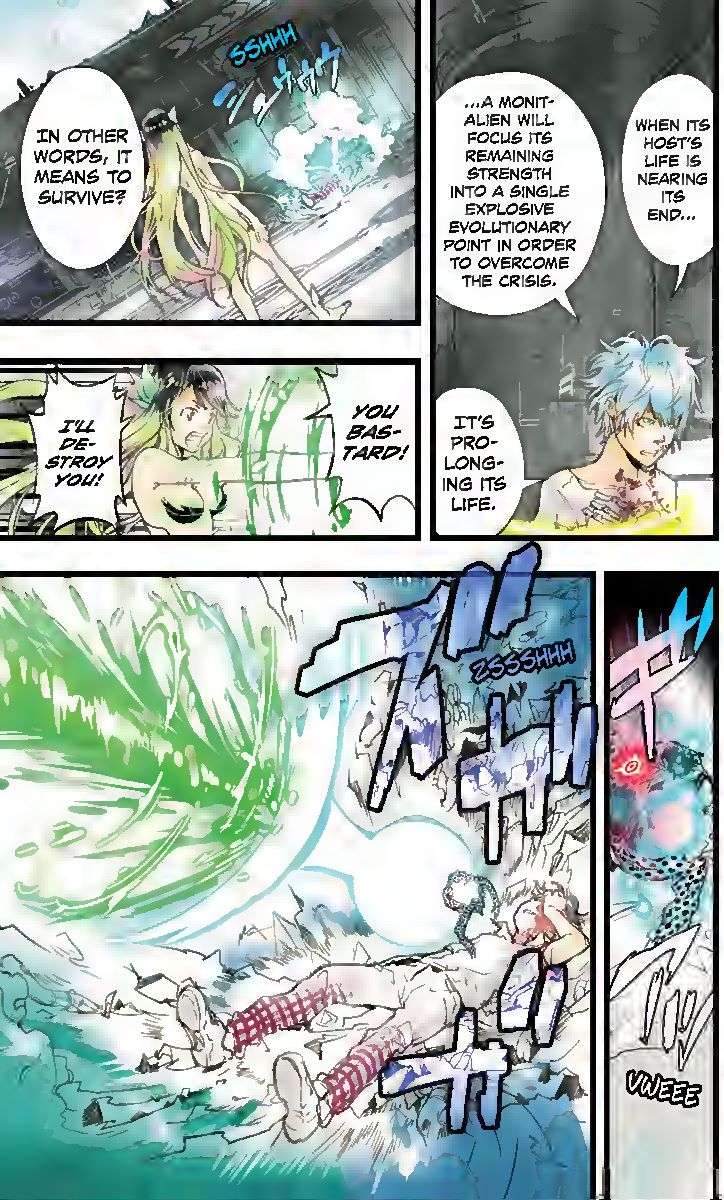

...
BUT YOU'VE CHANGED SINCE JOINING ëIDLIVE.
DREW DOESN'T THINK THE OLD YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT WAY.


HOPE ...?
BECAUSE THERE'S *HOPE* IN TRUSTING.
AND NOW DREW IS STARTING TO UNDERSTAND...
DREW WANTS TO KNOW THE REASON BEHIND YOUR CHANGE.
?


SO HE TRUSTED YOU WITH HER SECRET.
PROFESSOR ISAKU HOPED THAT YOU WOULD PROTECT MISUZU.
...
THAT'S WHY YOU BELIEVED IN HER AND SAID SHE WAS INNOCENT.
YOU HOPED THAT MISUZU WAS INNOCENT.


BECAUSE DREW HOPES TO STAY IN THIS SYMBIOTIC RELATION-SHIP WITH YOU.
DREW?
THAT'S WHY DREW WILL ALSO TRUST YOU, CHUTA.

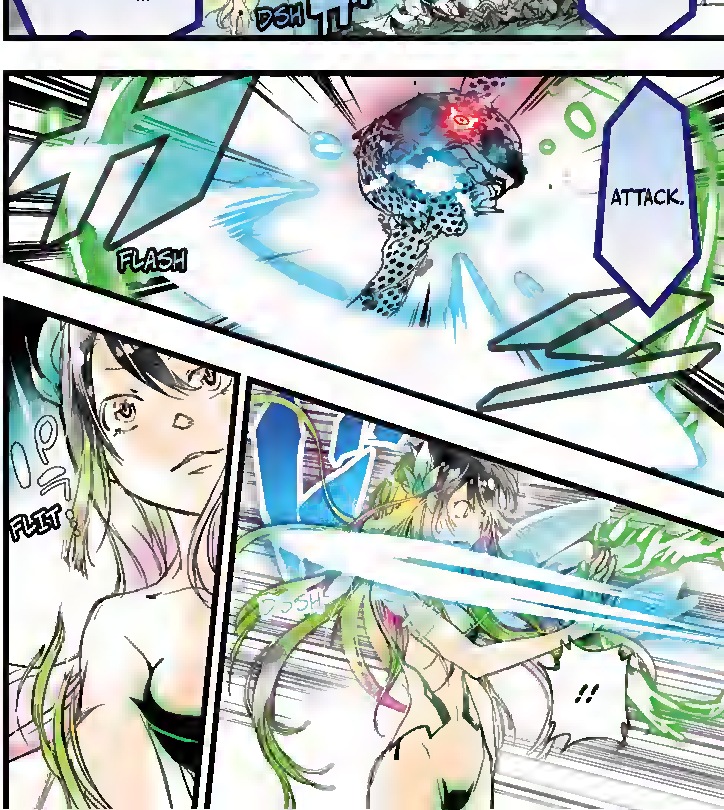

SURVIVAL PROGRAM ACTIVATED!
DREW
DREW RENOUNCES ITS HOST'S LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM!
BSCHT
WHAT?!
?!
IT'S BEGUN.
...?


SSHHH
IN OTHER WORDS, IT MEANS TO SURVIVE?
WHEN ITS HOST'S LIFE IS NEARING ITS END...
...A MONIT-ALIEN WILL FOCUS ITS REMAINING STRENGTH INTO A SINGLE EXPLOSIVE EVOLUTIONARY POINT IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE CRISIS.
IT'S PRO-LONG-ING ITS LIFE.
YOU BAS-TARD!
I'LL DE-STROY YOU!
ZSSSHHH
VNEEE

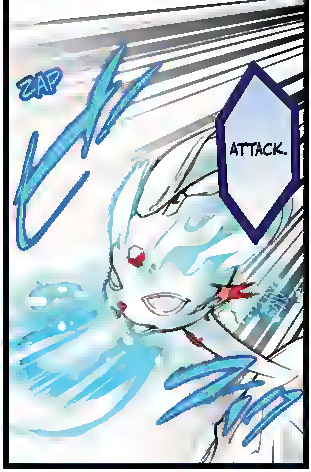
IT'S TO FIND THE NEXT MONIT-ALIEN AND TO CHANGE INTO IT.
THE GOAL OF EVOLVING ISN'T TO SURPASS AND SURVIVE A GIVEN LOCATION.

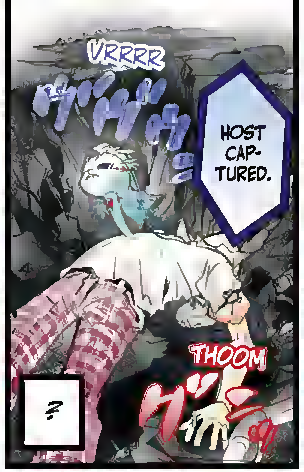
IT RE-PELLED IT?!
WHA ...?!

...FORM SEARCH.
CALCULATING NECESSARY EVOLUTION ...
DSH
DSH
DSH
CAPTURE NET HOST.

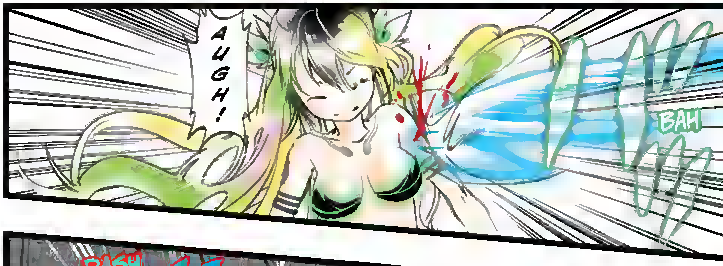

FLASH
ATTACK.
FLIT
DSH
!!

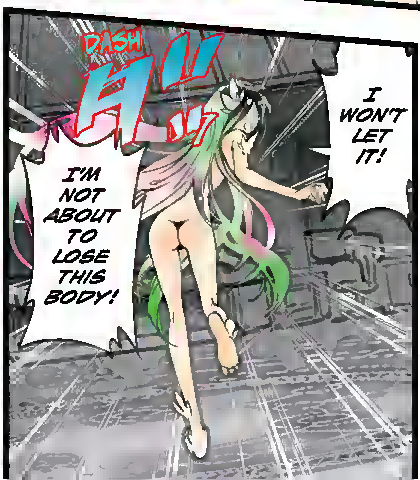
...IT'S FOUND ITS OPTIMAL SOLUTION.
IT LOOKS LIKE...
YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE THIS GIRL YOUR HOST?!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
THUD
ドサッ
PHOOO
ZIP
ZIP
VRR-
FORM DETERMINED.
SSHH

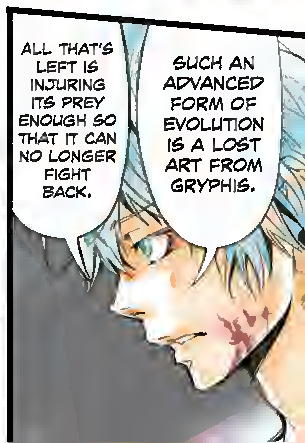

ZAP
ATTACK.

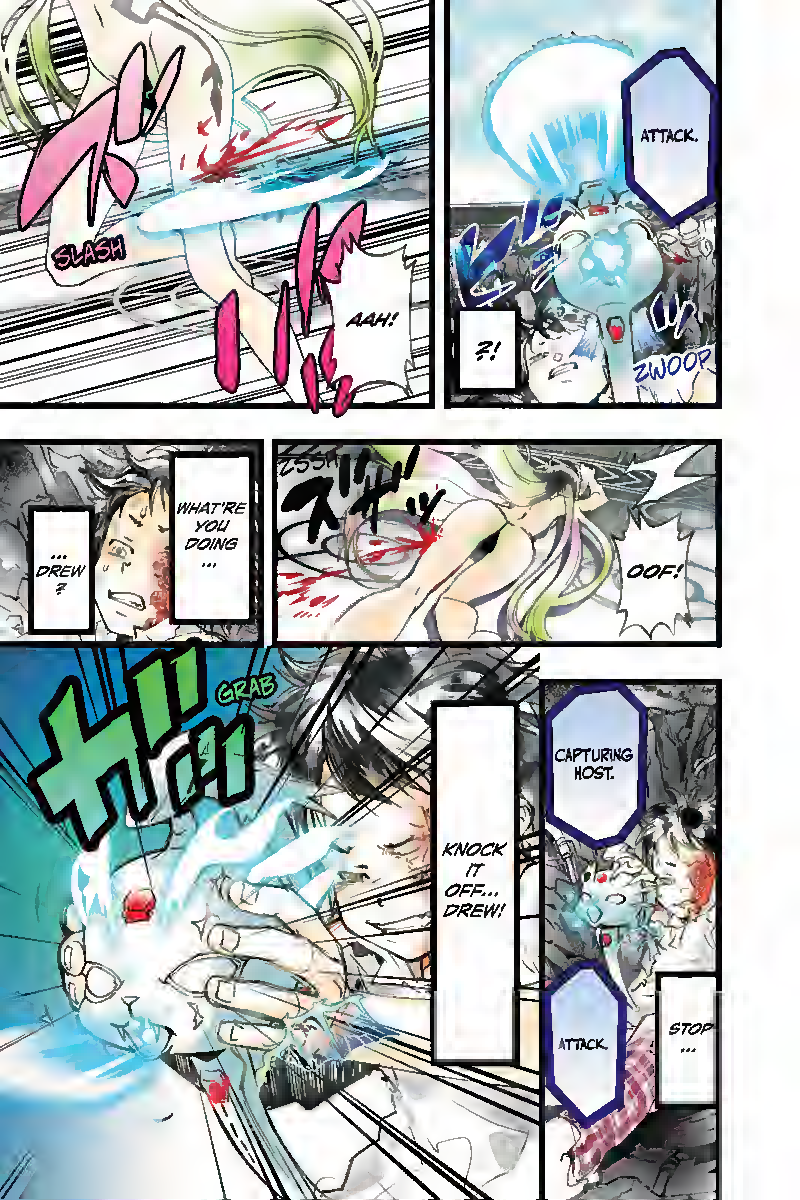

VRRRR
HOST CAP-TURED.
?
THOOM

VRRR


AUGH!
BAH

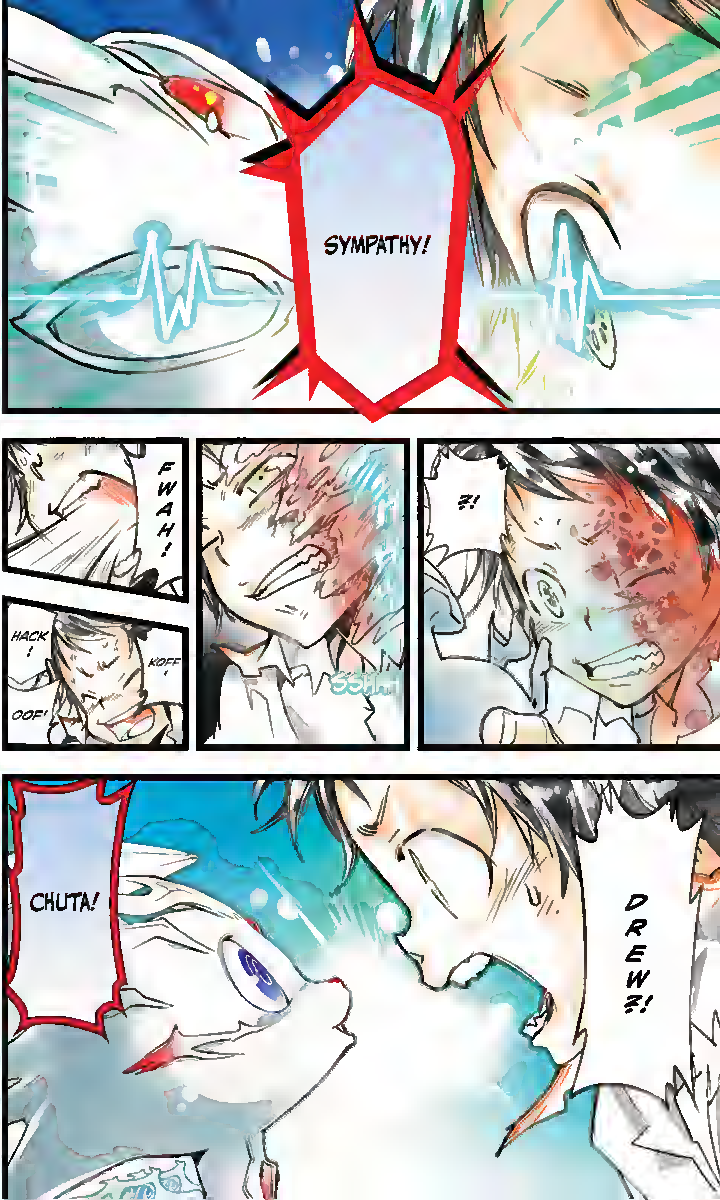

DASH
I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOSE THIS BODY!
I WON'T LET IT!

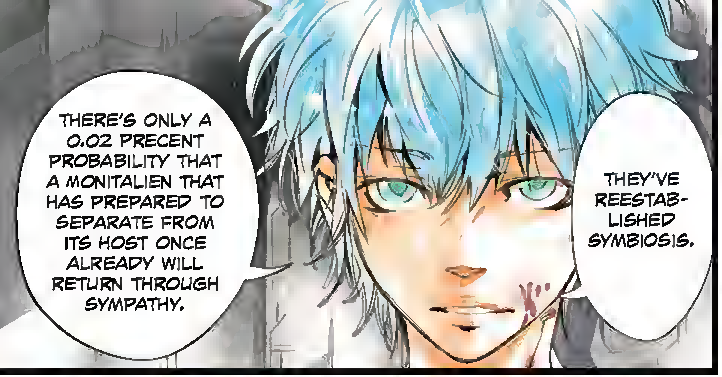

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS INJURING ITS PREY ENOUGH SO THAT IT CAN NO LONGER FIGHT BACK.
SUCH AN ADVANCED FORM OF EVOLUTION IS A LOST ART FROM GRYPHIS.

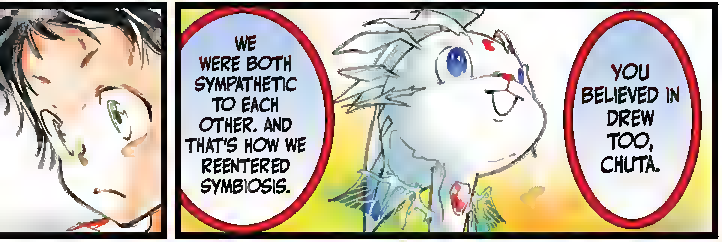

SLASH
AAH!
ATTACK.
?!
ZWOOP
...DREW?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING ...
SSSH
OOF!
GRAB
KNOCK IT OFF... DREW!
CAPTURING HOST.
ATTACK.
STOP ...

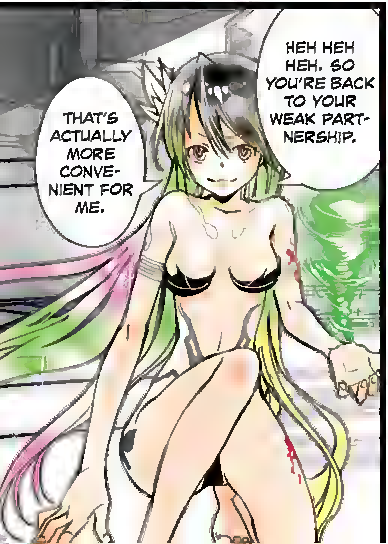
POW
AHH!!
STRAIN
DREW!
CAPTURING HOST.
I CAN'T SPEAK.
D...
...REW
REVISE AIM.
ATTACK.
VINEE
SNAP OUT OF IT!

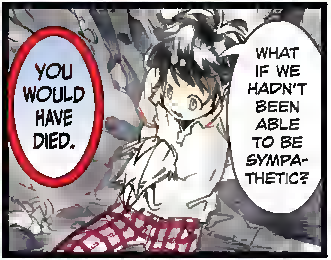
DREW
...!
THIS
ISN'T...
...YOU
...!!


SYMPATHY!
FWAH!
HACK!
KOFF!
OOF!
?!
CHUTA!
DREW?!

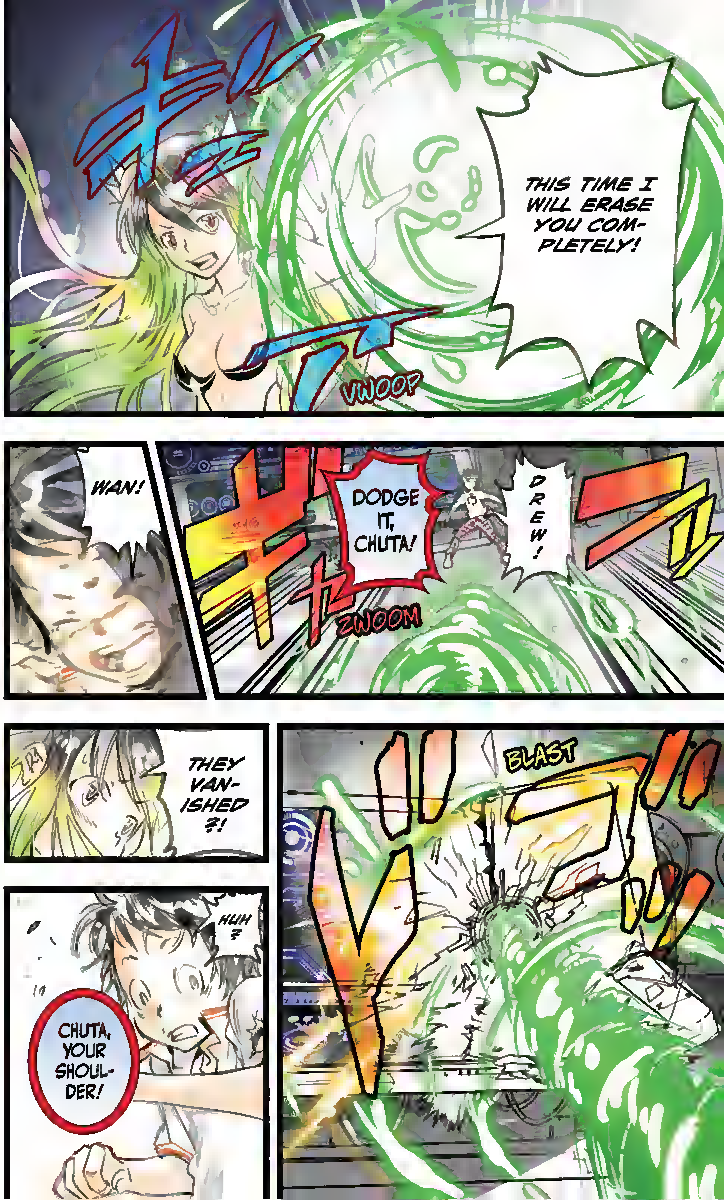

THEY'VE REESTAB-LISHED SYMBIOSIS.
THERE'S ONLY A 0.02 PRECENT PROBABILITY THAT A MONITALIEN THAT HAS PREPARED TO SEPARATE FROM ITS HOST ONCE ALREADY WILL RETURN THROUGH SYMPATHY.


YOU BELIEVED IN DREW TOO, CHUTA.
WE WERE BOTH SYMPATHETIC TO EACH OTHER. AND THAT'S HOW WE REENTERED SYMBIOSIS.

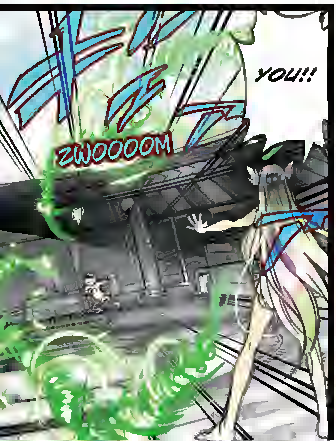

HEH HEH HEH. SO YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR WEAK PART-NERSHIP.
THAT'S ACTUALLY MORE CONVE-NIENT FOR ME.

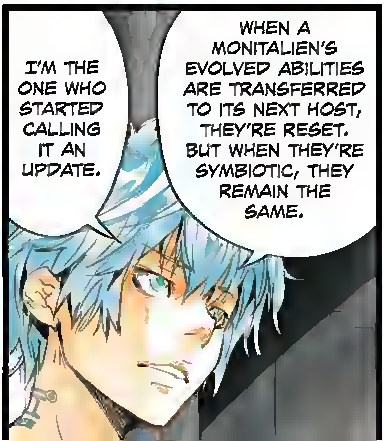

WHAT IF WE HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO BE SYMPA-THETIC?
YOU WOULD HAVE DIED.

SHOCK
WHA?!
BUT!

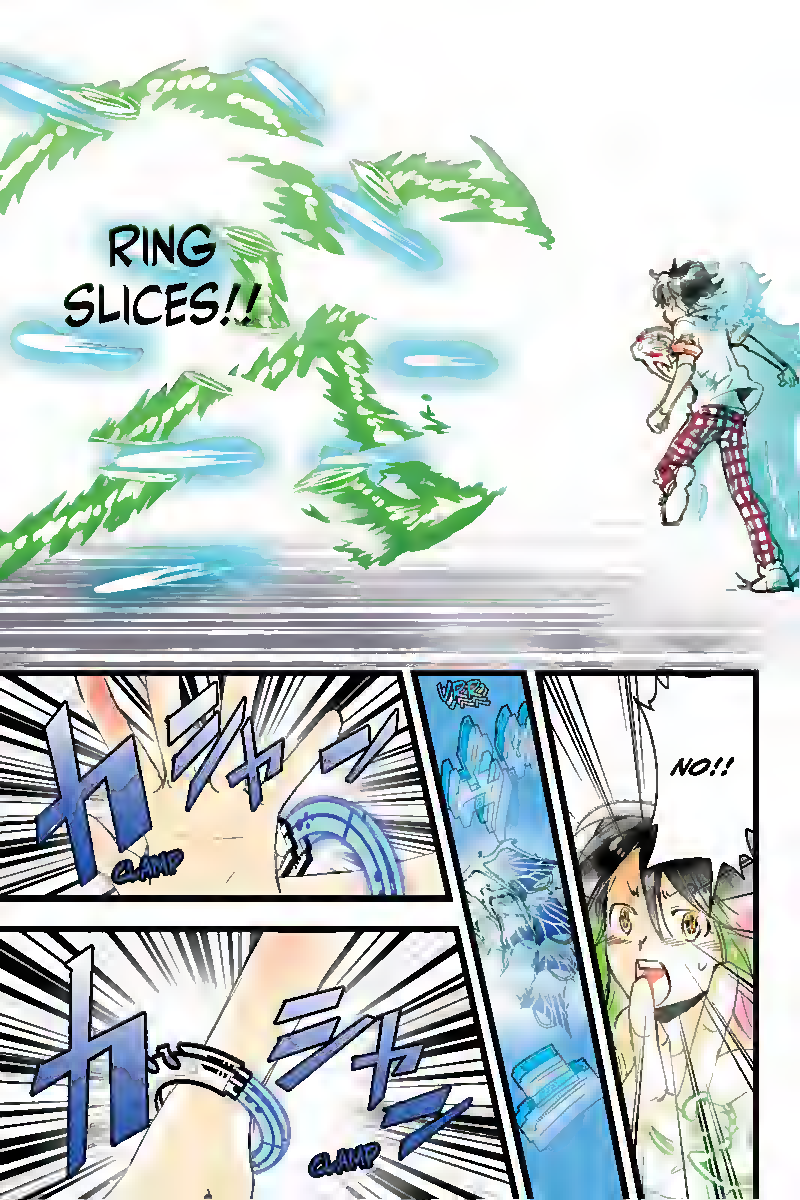

THIS TIME I WILL ERASE YOU COMPLETELY!
VWOOP
WAN!
DODGE IT, CHUTA!
DREW!
ZNOOM
THEY VANISHED?!
BLAST
HUH?
CHUTA, YOUR SHOULDER!

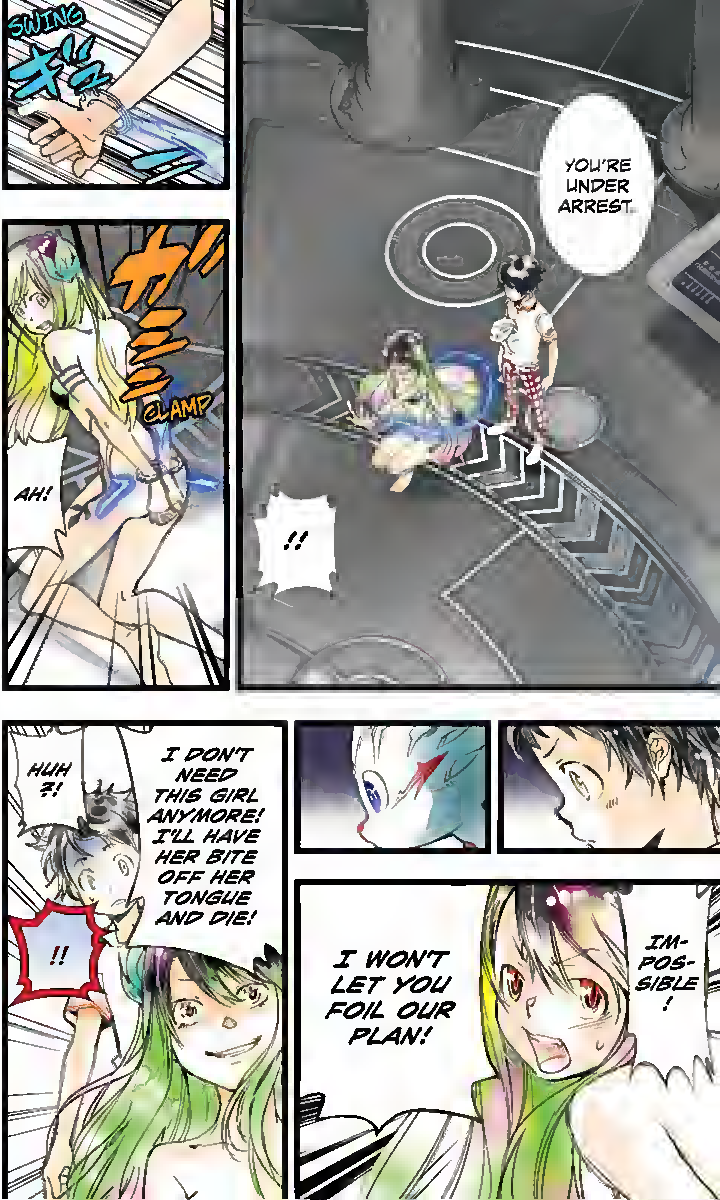
!!
YOU CAN MOVE FASTER THAN BEFORE!
WINGS ?!
VIZZZ

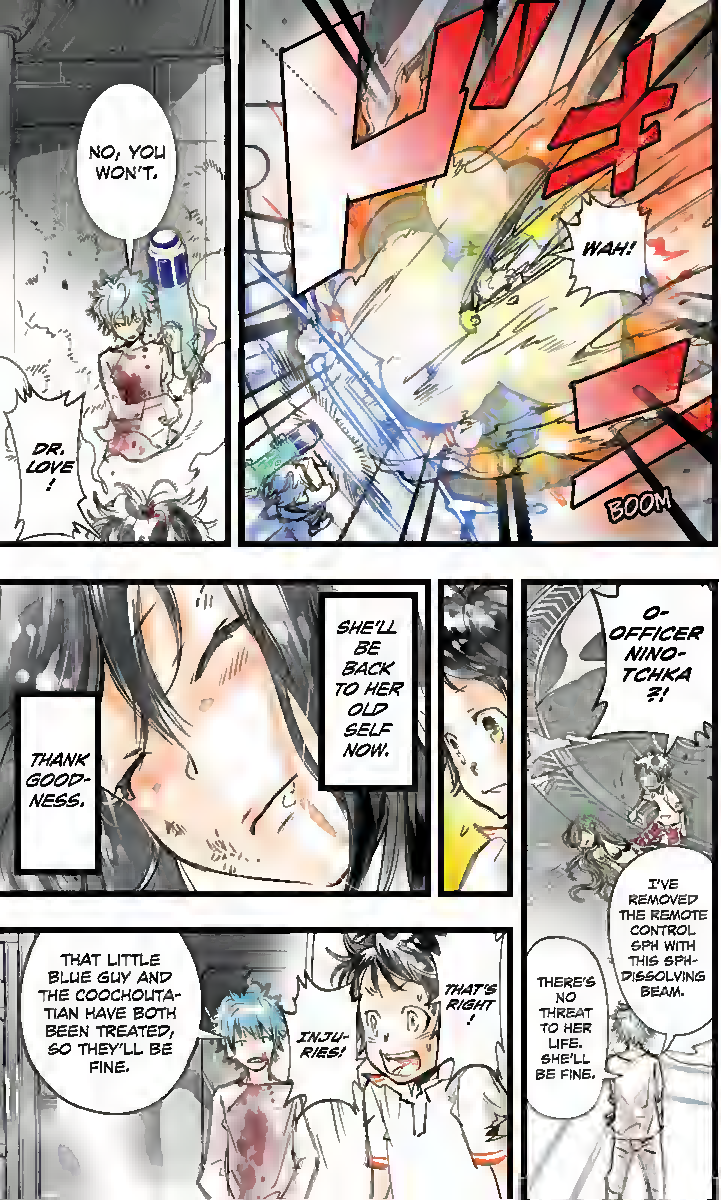

YOU!!
ZWOOOOM

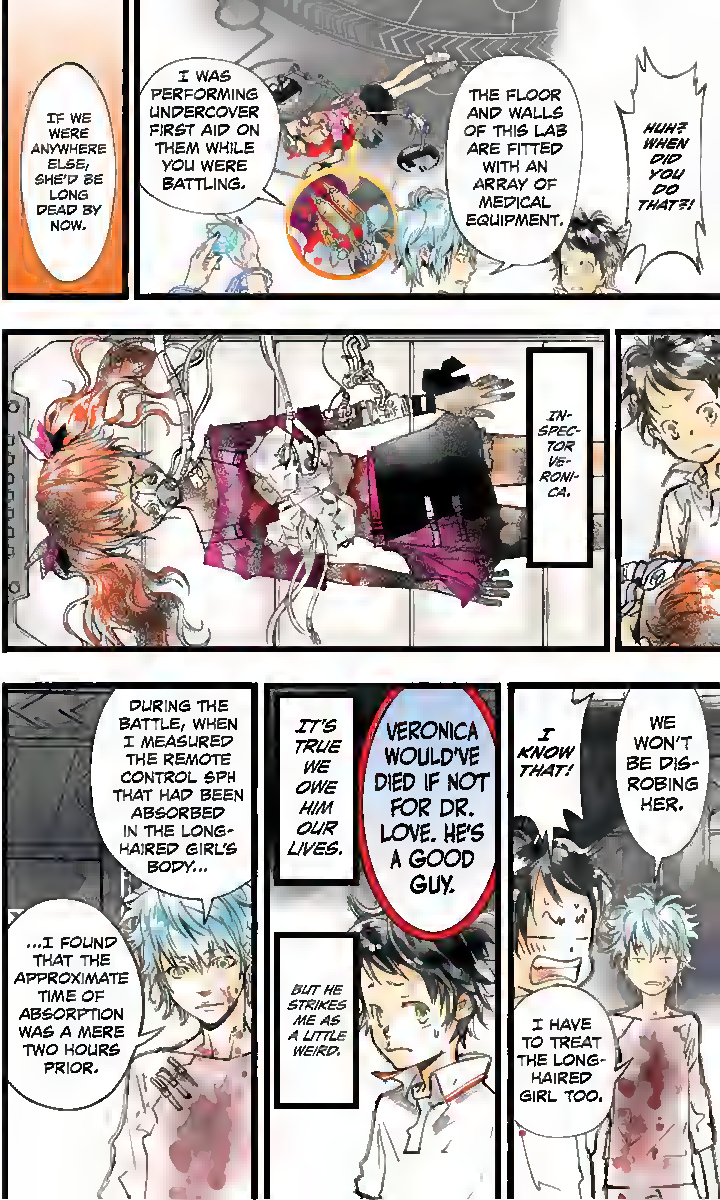

WHEN A MONITALIEN'S EVOLVED ABILITIES ARE TRANSFERRED TO ITS NEXT HOST, THEY'RE RESET. BUT WHEN THEY'RE SYMBIOTIC, THEY REMAIN THE SAME.
I'M THE ONE WHO STARTED CALLING IT AN UPDATE.

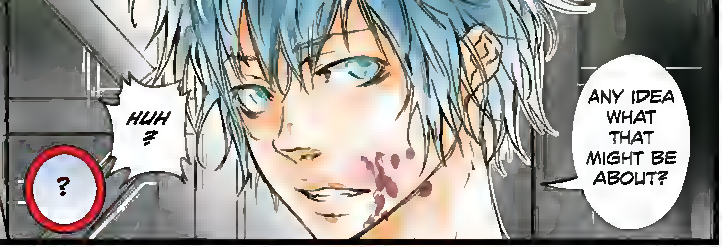
LIKE ONIONS?
HUH?
NINOTCHKA'S ATTACKS LOOK LIKE PLANTS, DON'T THEY?
SYMPATHY!
FLASH

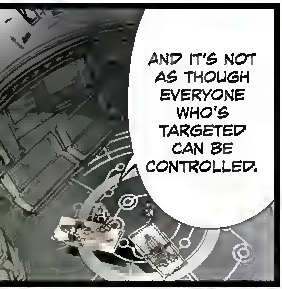

RING
SLICES!!
カシャン
CLANK
NO!!
カシャン
CLANK

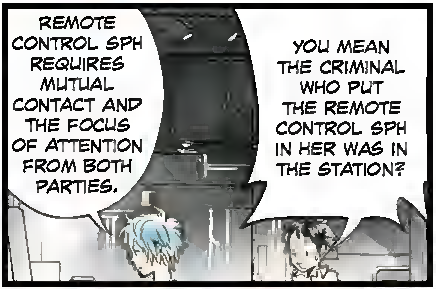

SWING
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
!!
CLAMP
AH!
I DON'T NEED THIS GIRL ANYMORE! I'LL HAVE HER BITE OFF HER TONGUE AND DIE!
HUH ?!
!!
I WON'T LET YOU FOIL OUR PLAN!
IM-POS-SIBLE !

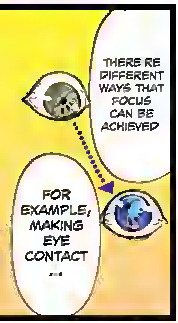

NO, YOU WON'T.
DR. LOVE!
WAH!
BOOM
O-OFFICER NINO-TCHKA?!
I'VE REMOVED THE REMOTE CONTROL SPH WITH THIS SPH-DISSOLVING BEAM.
THERE'S NO THREAT TO HER LIFE. SHE'LL BE FINE.
SHE'LL BE BACK TO HER OLD SELF NOW.
THANK GOOD-NESS.
THAT'S RIGHT!
INJU-RIES!
THAT LITTLE BLUE GUY AND THE COOCHOUTA-TIAN HAVE BOTH BEEN TREATED, SO THEY'LL BE FINE.

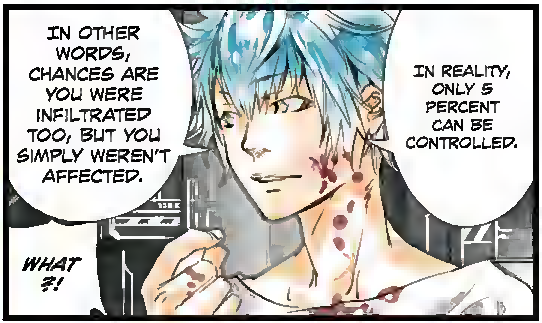

IF WE WERE ANYWHERE ELSE, SHE'D BE LONG DEAD BY NOW.
I WAS PERFORMING UNDERCOVER FIRST AID ON THEM WHILE YOU WERE BATTLING.
THE FLOOR AND WALLS OF THIS LAB ARE FITTED WITH AN ARRAY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.
HUH? WHEN DID YOU DO THAT?!
INSPECTOR VERONICA.
DURING THE BATTLE, WHEN I MEASURED THE REMOTE CONTROL SPH THAT HAD BEEN ABSORBED IN THE LONG-HAIRED GIRL'S BODY...
...I FOUND THAT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF ABSORPTION WAS A MERE TWO HOURS PRIOR.
IT'S TRUE WE OWE HIM OUR LIVES.
VERONICA WOULD'VE DIED IF NOT FOR DR. LOVE. HE'S A GOOD GUY.
BUT HE STRIKES ME AS A LITTLE WEIRD.
I KNOW THAT!
WE WON'T BE DISROBING HER.
I HAVE TO TREAT THE LONG-HAIRED GIRL TOO.

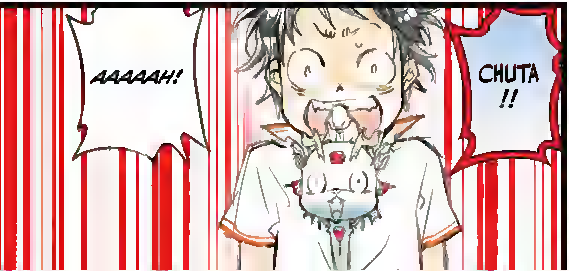

HUH ?
?
ANY IDEA WHAT THAT MIGHT BE ABOUT?


AND IT'S NOT AS THOUGH EVERYONE WHO'S TARGETED CAN BE CONTROLLED.

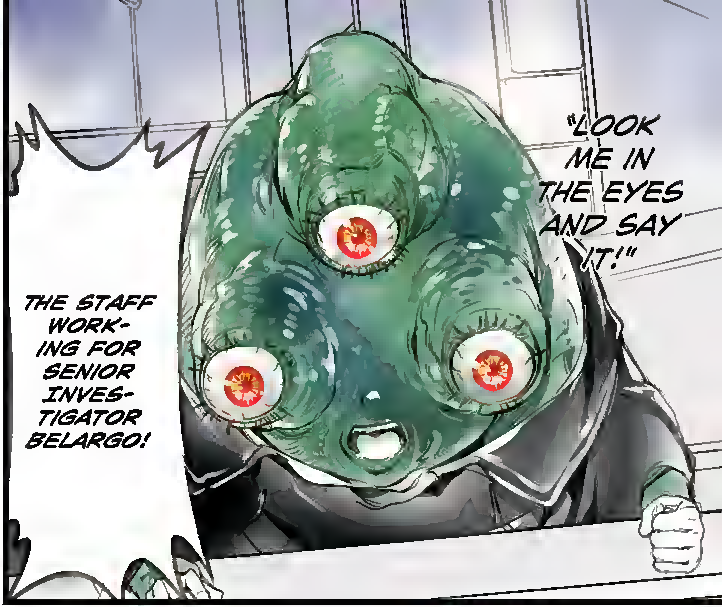

REMOTE CONTROL SPH REQUIRES MUTUAL CONTACT AND THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION FROM BOTH PARTIES.
YOU MEAN THE CRIMINAL WHO PUT THE REMOTE CONTROL SPH IN HER WAS IN THE STATION?


THERE RE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT FOCUS CAN BE ACHIEVED
FOR EXAMPLE, MAKING EYE CONTACT ...

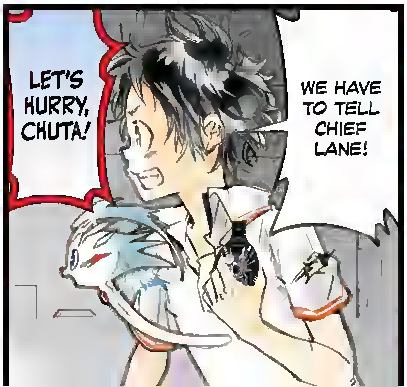

IN OTHER WORDS, CHANCES ARE YOU WERE INFILTRATED TOO, BUT YOU SIMPLY WEREN'T AFFECTED.
WHAT ?!
IN REALITY, ONLY 5 PERCENT CAN BE CONTROLLED.


AAAAAH!
CHUTA !!

EYE CONTACT ...?
...!


"LOOK ME IN THE EYES AND SAY IT!"
THE STAFF WORK-ING FOR SENIOR INVES-TIGATOR BELARGO!

THEY HAVE FULL REIGN.
IF IT'S AN ORGANIZATION WORKING UNDER MOTHERS, THEIR SPH CAN'T BE EXAMINED.


LET'S HURRY, CHUTA!
WE HAVE TO TELL CHIEF LANE!

YOU MEAN THE INTER-ROGATOR COULD BE THE CUL-PRIT!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND OFFICER NINOTCHKA WAS INTER-ROGATED BY IT TOO!